



SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 17, 1897

A DISPATCH from Washington in the N. Y. Journal of yesterday, is printed in another column. It can hardly be true. The faculty of the University have nothing to do with the election of the officers thereof, and the idea that all of them would resign if Mr. McCabe should be offered it as yet uncreated presidency, is preposterous. Nevertheless, as Mr. Wilson of West Virginia, who adores Mr. Cleveland, has been elected president of Washington-Lee University, it would not be startling if Mr. Cleveland, of New Jersey, were elected president of the University. But a wise way to avoid such an injurious and ridiculous absurdity would be to let the University go on as it has since its establishment—without a president.

NO WONDER the Virginia republicans are kicking at the shabby treatment and indignity at the cold shoulder they have received from the administration. Their profits commenced and ended with the one hundred and sixty thousand dollars Mr. John Wise says were sent into the State by Mr. Hanna, and such, too, has been the case with the unfortunate they induced to desert the democratic party last fall. They, as well as other people, think the laborer is worthy of his hire, and they naturally grieve because they find it not, and grieving is not conducive to good temper.

SOMETHING is evidently wrong with the State Department, for within one month, two of its important papers have found their way into public print, nobody seems to know how. Consul Lee's report in the Ruiz case appeared in a New York newspaper before the Acting Secretary of State had seen it, and the Secretary's instructions to Ambassador Hay, in respect of the seal fisheries, were printed, not only against the President's wishes, but even before he knew they had left the department. A leaky State Department is a very dangerous piece of governmental machinery.

THE MINERS' strike, like the tariff bill, still lingers on the way, to the necessary injury of all engaged in it, and, when declared off, the sufferers, as is always the case, will be the strikers, for their lost wages can never be made up, while the losses of the operators will be offset in one season. When hundreds of thousands of men are tramping and hunting for work, why those who have it, should strike, and, many of them, for no cause but "sympathy," seems strange to people not prone to striking and to "vacations" in warm weather.

A REPUBLICAN newspaper printed in a neighboring State, says: "Most men have heard of Caesar, Bonaparte and Washington, but nearly everybody knows Abraham Lincoln." Why, outside of the limits of this country the name of Mr. Lincoln has been almost forgotten or was never heard, and, where otherwise, his fame rests upon what he actually said and did, and not upon what ill-informed and partial people of the North say of him. The idea of comparing him with the immortal Washington is preposterous.

THERE is no evil without its compensating good. The cobble stone pavements of the streets of this city are a little rough, to be sure, but that they are, is the very reason why the "scorching" accidents, so frequent in cities with asphalt pavements, cannot happen here. No bicycle rider, however reckless he may be on a smooth road, will risk the dangers of downing his wheel and humping his back while wheeling over the boulders with which the streets of Alexandria are paved.

THE few survivors of the old '49ers are reminded of the days of their youth by the news from the recently discovered gold diggings in Alaska. Wages are high and provisions are dear at the mines, but yellow dust is plentiful, and already those who have made their "piles" are returning to the States and investing their money at double its real value in the low priced houses and lands now forced upon the market by mortgage purchasers.

THE IDEA of attacking American cities on the Pacific coast has doubtless never been conceived by any body in Japan, but it is just as true that if such an attack be determined upon, those cities could be bombarded and demolished long before any really effective means of resistance could be available. The safety of the cities referred to lies, not in their present defenses, but in the continued absence of any cause of assault.

THE Bankers' Association of New York has advised the retirement of all government paper money, increased national bank note currency, and the appointment of a currency commission. Money is scarce enough now, in all conscience, but if all the greenbacks and treasury and silver notes were retired, eggs and rabbit skins would again constitute a large part of the currency.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, July 17.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Daniel introduced a bill to pay the owners of the old Winchester and Potomac Railroad Company \$30,000 for the iron rails taken from that road during the war between the States; he also presented a petition of Drs. J. V. Wellford, L. B. Edwards, H. H. Levy and M. W. Keyser, representing the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery, against the passage of the bill to prohibit vivisection in the District of Columbia. Mr. Gallinger introduced a bill to widen the Aqueduct bridge at Georgetown for use, and at the expense, of the Falls Church and the Alexandria and Mr. Vernon electric railroads. A single track will be laid on the east side of the present bridge and the work must be done under the supervision of the Secretary of War.

The nomination of Thomas Fitchie to be commissioner of immigration at New York was considered by the Senate committee on immigration to-day, but owing to the absence of a quorum a report could not be made. A favorable report is expected when a quorum is secured.

The house rates on first and second class wool are restored and four and eight cents a pound are the rates on third class wool, with 12 cents valuation as the dividing line.

The following fourth-class Virginia postmasters were appointed to-day: Coeburn, J. H. Lutz; Baker Mines, L. R. Lindsay; Huffman, W. G. Duncan; Lippis, H. W. Hill.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Terrence V. Powderly, of Pennsylvania, to be commissioner general of immigration.

The vote on Myron H. McCord's confirmation as governor of Arizona was taken immediately after the Senate went into executive session to-day and without further debate. The vote stood 29 to 18. After the confirmation of McCord the Senate took up the contested nomination of J. W. Hughes to be postmaster at Birmingham, Ala. The charges against Mr. Hughes were of a purely personal character and related mainly to his relation to his creditors. Senator Chandler, acting chairman of the committee opposed confirmation, while Senator Pettus, democrat, supported Mr. Hughes' cause. After speeches by these Senators a vote was taken resulting in Mr. Hughes' confirmation.

Secretary Gage has issued an order reducing the salary of the commissioner of immigration at New York from \$6,000 to \$4,500 per annum and of the assistant commissioner from \$4,000 to \$3,000. The salary of the commissioner general of immigration remains unchanged at \$4,500. Mr. Herman Stump has resigned as commissioner general and will turn over his office to Mr. Powderly, the ex-grand master workmen of the Knights of Labor, as soon as the latter is confirmed.

A prominent Virginia republican here says that if anybody shall attend the meeting of the executive committee of his party of his State, called for next Monday at Chamberlin's in this city, Colonel Lamb, who called it, will be the solitary one, and it isn't probable that he will, as he has been telegraphed to that effect. Gen. Walker will be at the meeting that day, and the three other members of the committee, Messrs. Brady, Waddill and Agnew, have no idea of obeying the call. He also says he doesn't expect that Virginia will get a single consulate, as there are dozens of applicants for every one of them, and that it would not be good politics to be giving such places to a State that never casts a republican electoral vote. He says he doesn't believe the State committee of his party, called without the authority of its chairman, to meet in Lynchburg on the 18th proximo, will order a State convention, for the reason that as there is no possible chance of electing any ticket the convention might nominate, there would be no sense in going to the trouble and expense of making a campaign, and, besides, that if a convention were held, somebody would be very likely to avail himself of the opportunity to attempt to create a difference. He also said that the only positions the republicans in his State are getting are the fourth-class postoffices, and those only at the expiration of the terms of the democratic incumbents, and that all such appointments are being made on the recommendation of Mr. Bowden, the referee, except those in the two congressional districts represented by republicans.

The tariff conferees have reached an agreement at last, and have notified the democratic members of the conference committee that they will have the tariff bill ready for them on Monday. Indeed, they told them they would submit it to them to-morrow if they would agree to sit on that day, but that proposition was declined. The agreement, as expected, was reached by the Senate conferees agreeing to recede from their stand on the sugar schedule, and accepting the eighth of a cent a pound differential, as adopted by the House, retaining, however, the 1 1/2 cents a pound on lead ore. Mr. Reid has gained the victory, and has again proved himself to be what Senator Morgan called him, the "great white bulldozer." Hides have been left on the dutiable list, but the understanding is that the rate has been reduced to 12 or 15 per cent. ad valorem. The House rate of \$2 is restored on white pine lumber, and overlaps and other hemp products placed on the free list by the Senate are restored to the House rates.

Pearl Malby, who recently ran away from her home in Washington and was arrested in Alexandria county, has been released from custody. This government has directed Minister Woodford to present to the Spanish government and press the claim of the family of the late Dr. Ruiz for indemnity in \$75,000 on account of his death in jail in Cuba. Mr. Woodford's instructions, just completed, set out that this government has reached the conclusion (under the treaty of 1795 and the protocol of 1877) all of the proceedings against Ruiz after his arrest and the notice given to the Cuban authorities of his American citizenship were illegal, wrongful and arbitrary, and which resulted in his death. The Hawaiian government has given notice that no foreign built vessels will be admitted to Hawaiian register pending action on the annexation treaty. Similar notice was given in January, 1893, when annexation was first proposed.

Among the visitors at the Capitol to-day were ex-Congressmen Brown and Thorp of Virginia, republicans, who are contesting the seat now held by Messrs. Swanson and Epps democrats. The latter say they have examined the testimony taken by the contestants and found nothing in it to give them concern about the retention of their seats. Senator Gallinger to-day introduced in the Senate the bill providing for street car tracks on the Aqueduct bridge, which was recently prepared by the Commissioners.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Joseph Joy, formerly a trolley car conductor, of Jersey City, died yesterday of leprosy.

The Epworth League, now in session at Toronto, will meet next year at Indianapolis, Ind.

At the Sandown races to-day the National Breeders' Produce stakes of 5,000 sovereigns was won by Cylline.

The news that an alliance has been established, or is even being negotiated between Spain and Japan, is unfounded.

Lt. Pani of the Italian army, has challenged Prince Henry, of Orange, because he charged the Italian army with cowardice.

It is understood that the President has finally decided to nominate Terrence V. Powderly to be Commissioner General of Immigration.

The United States cruiser San Francisco yesterday sank the yacht Dysilio in collision off Gardner Point and landed the crew at Portland, England.

The original stones from which the counterfeit notes of the Bank of Costa Rica were printed have been found in the Hoboken, N. J., slip, North river.

Efforts are being made by the committee in charge of the Logan Day ceremonies and the ex-Confederates' Association of Chicago to secure the presence of Miss Winnie Davis at the dedication exercises, which take place on the 22d.

Annie Kerschall, a fourteen-year-old girl, was the victim of an attempted assault on Thursday in the woods near her home, not far from Philadelphia.

Her mother escaped, but yesterday he was found hanging to a tree, having committed suicide. From appearances he was a tramp.

Mrs. Nancy Jeanette Killen, who had recently resided in Huntington, Va., was ordered, her house nailed up, and the building fired, on Thursday night. Her remains, horribly disfigured, were found after the fire. The deceased had been a sort of leader of society, and the fact that she ignored certain people who had previously been foremost in social circles at an entertainment recently given by her is thought to have incited their wrath.

FRANK BUTLER'S DOOM.

A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that Frank Butler, the Australian bush murderer, was executed yesterday. He confessed to having committed four murders.

The crime for which Butler paid the death penalty was the murder of Captain Lee Weller, whom he induced to go with him on a prospecting tour, and whom he shot after they had arrived in the bush. After the murder of Captain Weller, Butler escaped from Australia on the ship Swahilda, but upon the arrival of that vessel at San Francisco on February 2d last, he was arrested and subsequently extradited.

The plea of the defense at the first trial was that Captain Weller committed suicide. Among the murders with which Butler was charged was that of a metallurgist named O. G. T. Preston. Early on the morning of his conviction Butler attempted to cut his throat with a piece of tin, but was seized before he had done himself any serious injury. Later he made the most violent resistance to his keepers while on the way to the courthouse. He fought with them like a wild beast, and was with difficulty subdued.

The murders committed by Butler are among the most cold blooded on record.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Much excitement was caused in the vicinity of New Jersey avenue and D street northwest, Washington, yesterday afternoon by the report that Mrs. Arthur Mortimer was attempting to commit suicide. Lieut. Kelly, of the Sixth precinct station, went quickly to the house and found Mrs. Mortimer about to swallow the contents of a laudanum phial. He took it away from her and she then claimed that she only wanted to take the poison for her nerves. It seems that Mrs. Mortimer surprised her husband and a female member of the Salvation Army while they were together, and after assaulting the woman she determined to end her life by swallowing laudanum. Mrs. Mortimer, who is fully ten years older than her husband, has red hair, blue eyes, and is a good looking woman. Neighbors say she has a violent temper, which is most easily excited by suspicion that her husband pays attention to other women.

MANASSAS' ANNIVERSARY.—The Manassas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy are making elaborate preparations for the Confederate anniversary meeting to be held there July 21 to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of the first battle of Manassas. This is expected to be the largest affair of the kind ever held in that part of the State, and preparations are being made to accommodate the anticipated crowds. Prominent ex-Confederates will be present, among whom are the following: Gen. William H. Payne, Gen. Lomax, Col. John S. Mosby, Col. E. V. White, Maj. Kyd Douglas, Maj. Robert Hunter, and Hon. Holmes Conrad. Senator John W. Daniel was expected to be present and deliver the oration of the occasion, but will be unable to do so on account of other engagements.

A DELIGHTFUL BIRTHDAY PARTY.—A letter from Remington, Va., says: "Never for years has such a grand affair taken place at Remington as did Monday night to celebrate a double birthday party in honor of Miss Davis, of Alexandria, and Miss Embrey, of Remington. Games of every description were indulged in till late hour, when every one was called to partake of a sumptuous feast of ice cream, fruits and cakes. Among those present were: Miss Harley, of Washington; Miss Molton, of Baltimore; Miss Davis, of Alexandria; Miss Crump, of Bealeton; Miss Elligood, of Washington; Misses Embrey and Bowen, Messrs. Ring, Shumate, Dues, Jennings, Crump, Burroughs, Hammond and Rev. G. O. Meade. At twelve o'clock everyone bade the fair hostess good evening amid congratulations and best wishes." There was rain last night, so St. Swintha as a weather prophet is a failure.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The residence of E. A. Marshall, at Berryville, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday.

The Manassas Journal purposes Mr. J. E. Willard of Fairfax as chairman of the State democratic committee.

Dickenson and Cumberland counties yesterday elected delegates to the State convention in favor of Tyler for Governor.

The democrats of Fredericksburg will hold a mass meeting July 23 to elect delegates to the gubernatorial and legislative conventions.

Mrs. Caroline Gordon Reynolds, wife of the late Dr. R. B. Reynolds, died yesterday at her home in Fredericksburg, after an illness of only two days.

Albert Craig, aged thirty, died at Covington, Ky., yesterday, leaving a widow fifteen years old. The couple were married with the consent of their parents one year ago.

Mr. George M. Weanung died at the residence of his brother, Mr. John O. Weanung, near Taylortown, Loudoun county, on Wednesday, after a short illness from cholera-morbus, in the 36th year of his age.

The case of ex-City Auditor W. A. Noble, charged with embezzlement, came up in the Hustings Court, of Richmond, yesterday, and was continued to the September term, the defendant's bond being reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,500.

H. W. Creighton, a well-known colored barber of Lynchburg, discharged a shot gun at John W. Wilson, a colored carpenter and politician in that city yesterday. The trouble originated from reflections cast by Wilson on Creighton's daughter, a teacher in the public schools of that city. Wilson was not hurt.

William W. Waite, serving a five year sentence in the King's county, N. Y., penitentiary for assault, was yesterday released on pardon from President McKinley. The prisoner is said to be very sick. On January 18, 1895, Waite was sentenced to prison by Judge Robert W. Hughes, of Norfolk. His term would have expired on August 28, 1898.

Judge Whittle, of the Henry Circuit Court, heard argument at Lynchburg yesterday on the petition of the Franklin and Pittsylvania Railroad Co. for an injunction to restrain the Southern Railway Company from abandoning the operation of the first named railroad, which plaintiffs claim there was every indication that the latter intended to do. Both sides were represented by able counsel and a decision is expected in a short time.

During the flood in the Shenandoah river in 1889 several heavy timbers struck the spring-house of Mr. John A. T. Grigsby, in Clarke county and demolished it, burying beneath the walls its contents. A few days ago Mr. Grigsby undertook to remove the debris and clean out the spring, and in doing so found a roll of butter, which when removed from the cloth in which it was wrapped, was as fresh and sweet as if it had just been churned.

Joseph Fife, the negro arrested in Richmond on Thursday, charged with attempting criminal assault upon Mrs. Marks, of that city, and Miss Russell, of Norfolk, was indicted by a special grand jury of the Hustings court yesterday, and will be put on trial for his life to-day. Yesterday one side of the court-room was lined with policemen, and every precaution taken to prevent any attempt on the prisoner's life. The feeling is intense. Punishment will be quickly meted out to the prisoner, and the penalty under the Virginia law is death.

The executive committee of the Battlefield Park Association, of Fredericksburg, yesterday selected Mayor W. S. White and Councilman E. D. Cole to attend the meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, N. Y., August 23, to urge the indorsement of the proposition to establish a national park at Fredericksburg, with the view of bringing the subject before Congress. It is understood that the report of the committee, of which Gen. Edgar Allan is chairman, to be presented at the Buffalo meeting of the G. A. R., will strongly recommend the project.

Williamsburg was startled yesterday morning upon hearing that an attempt at assault by a negro named Winslow had been made on the night upon one of the daughters of Mr. James Gillingham, who lately removed on the Chase farm from Michigan. About 2 o'clock in the morning the negro who was afterwards recognized, and who is employed on the farm, entered the upstairs room of Mr. Gillingham's residence by means of a ladder, while his two daughters were sleeping. One was awakened by being touched by the hands of the man, and upon an outcry being made the negro escaped from the house. Mr. Gillingham subsequently caught the negro, but he again made his escape.

CLEVELAND AN EDUCATOR.—It is reported that ex-President Cleveland will in November be formally tendered the office of president of the University of Virginia. Heretofore the chairman of the faculty has been at the head of the University. The invitation would have been made to Mr. Cleveland after the finals last month had it not been for the hot dissension that rent the meeting in twain and successfully thwarted any action for the present.

The dissension arose from the fact that the name of Gordon McCabe was proposed as prospective president for the university. Mr. McCabe has a strong political backing in Virginia, and especially in and about Richmond, but is said to be unpopular with the faculty. When it was seen that this political pull was to be exerted to have the nomination of Mr. McCabe insured, the meetings grew stormy to the point that the faculty arose and declared they would resign in a body if McCabe was elected president of the university. [N. Y. Journal.]

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, July 17. SENATE.

Mr. Quay, who yesterday tried to induce the Senate to adjourn over until Monday, made the point of no quorum as soon as the journal had been approved in the Senate to-day. Only 41 Senators answered to their names and on motion of Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to notify absentees that their presence was required.

The Senate conferees on the tariff bill were summoned from their committee room and swelled the attendance to a quorum.

After the presentation of a few bills and memorials the Senate went into executive session.

THE BRADBURYS.

Colonel John B. Bradbury, the Los Angeles millionaire, his pretty wife, who a fortnight ago eloped with H. Russell Ward, an Englishman; Mrs. Banning, the mother of the erring wife, and a maid, were all guests last night at the Wellington Hotel, Chicago. Colonel Bradbury occupied a modest room on the second floor of the hotel, while his wife, Mrs. Banning and the maid occupied a suite of rooms on the parlor floor.

At midnight a family conference began immediately after the arrival of the ladies. A reconciliation may take place.

The meeting between Colonel Bradbury and his wayward wife at the station was quite formal. Mrs. Bradbury, her mother and maid were almost the last to leave the train. As they stepped off the platform the Colonel took off his hat and was in the act of bowing when Mrs. Banning threw her arms about his neck and gave him an affectionate kiss.

The wife stood still during this ceremony, apparently waiting for some sign from her husband before making any move toward an affectionate greeting. He made none. He simply took off his hat again, bowed, and seized two handbags, and led the way to the exit. Mrs. Banning kept close by his side, while the wife trailed a short distance behind with the maid.

The four took a carriage and were driven to the Wellington. He had already engaged a suite for the ladies.

THE TARIFF BILL.—The House yesterday agreed to the partial conference report on the general deficiency bill, and then concurred in the Senate amendment fixing the limit of cost of armor plate for the three battleships now building at \$300 a ton. A strong effort was made to induce the House to agree to a substitute proposition fixing the limit at \$400, as recommended by the Secretary of the Navy, but after a three hours' debate the House, by a vote of 142 to 45, concurred in the Senate amendment.

There were strong indications last night that there will be a report from the tariff conferees Monday. This report will probably show an agreement on all items but the sugar schedule, and that there will in all probability be a disagreement. Should this be done the House will insist upon its rates and the Senate will promptly recede from its amendments to that schedule. This will end a memorable struggle.

A SNAKE AND MOUSE.—A friend tells us that one of our noted physicians had a large pet snake which he kept in a cage. The doctor says that he put a mouse in the cage with his snake, and one morning, soon after, found the snake dead. On examination he found 16 holes in the snake's body, showing that the snake had swallowed the mouse sixteen times and each time the mouse had knawed his way out; sixteen wounds proved too much for one snake and the doctor thinks that the same ratio "16 to 1" will eventually prove too much for the republican serpent. The same doctor claims to have a dog that chews tobacco, only laying aside his quid temporarily to eat and drink. [Warrenton Virginian.]

MOODY ON CHRIST'S SAYINGS.—Evangelist Moody writes from Northfield, Mass., referring to the newly discovered writings of Christ found in Egypt, as follows:

"I do not recognize any new truths contained in the reputed new sayings of Christ."

"We already have light enough by that to live righteously, if we will only accept it."

"When we have exhausted the old truth I believe God will send us another evangel, but not before then."

Mr. Moody's comments seem to indicate that he has grave doubts as to the divine inspiration of the Logia Ikhon.

CAPT. BENTLEY FINED.—At Heathsville yesterday Captain W. L. Bentley, of Matthews, was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Wright for contempt of court in forcibly taking out of the possession of the receivers of the late firm of C. R. Lewis & Co., the schooner George T. Garrison, and carrying her to Baltimore, where she was libeled and sold. Bentley was summoned to appear at the last term of the court, but did not appear until arrested. Bentley went on the stand in his own behalf and claimed any intention of wrong-doing, claiming that he was acting under the instruction of John S. Johnson who claimed ownership of the vessel.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Bristol Iron and Steel Company et al. vs. Caldwell, trustee, et al., was argued and submitted in the Court of Appeals at Wytheville yesterday.

It is rumored that John R. McLean, of Ohio, will not be a candidate for the U. S. Senate.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign News.

LONDON, July 17.—The report cabled on Thursday that an international conference on the seal controversy would be held at Washington in the autumn is confirmed by an official paragraph issued to-day. Representatives of the governments will meet and compare the results of their investigations with a view of arriving at an agreed state of facts. That is the sole object of the proposed meeting.

CANEA, Island of Crete, July 17.—In consequence of the almost incessant outbreaks by Mussulmans the admirals of the international fleet have announced that if a single European soldier is harmed they will bombard the town.

ROME, July 17.—The Rev. Father Butler, bishop-elect of the Roman Catholic diocese of Concordia, Kas., died here yesterday of intestinal paralysis. The deceased was to have been consecrated bishop by Cardinal Satolli to-morrow.

STOCKHOLM, July 17.—Prof. Andree is accompanied in his balloon voyage to the north by Dr. S. T. Strindberg and Herr Fraenckell, a well-known engineer.

TRIESTE, July 17.—Alexander Thayer, former U. S. consul, died here Thursday night.

MADRID, July 17.—The council of marine has decided that the proceedings in connection with the trial of the crew of the filibuster Competitor in Cuba, must follow the course.

The Miners' Strike.

CLEVELAND, O., July 17.—Local operators having mines in the Pittsburgh district will agree to sign the true uniformity scale but have little or no faith that the efforts of the arbitrators will be successful. They claim that De Armit will kick over the traces. The local operators are now a unit in the belief that the West Virginia miners will go out in a day or two.

MOQUEA, Ill., July 17.—This city was visited by an immense throng of miners from Pana last night who persuaded all the men in the shaft here to cease work.

ELKHORN, W. Va., July 17.—Tonight every miner in this field will join the strike. The number will reach five thousand. Agitators leave this evening for Flat Top field.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., July 17.—The failure of Eugene Debs to reach here at noon caused much disappointment among the miners, but may have prevented trouble, as it is said the operators intended to have him arrested. He will positively be here to-night and address a meeting, at which Ratcliff and Sovereign will also be present. Three carloads of Pennsylvania men came in this morning and much excitement prevails. There is a greater feeling of unrest in Fairmont at present than at any time since the strike was declared.

PHILADELPHIA, July 17.—General John Little, of Ohio, president of the board of arbitrators of five States, and W. P. De Armit, president of the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, arrived in this city this morning for the purpose of securing, if possible, the signatures of the coal operators here to the true uniformity agreement in coal methods. Whether their mission was successful or not could not be ascertained.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 17.—The mining situation was devoid of new features to-day.

A Rush for the Gold Fields.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—The reports of great gold discoveries in Alaska have caused intense excitement here. Policemen are resigning from the force, every street car man that can raise a stake has given notice to his company, men neglect their business and congregate in groups on the streets in excited discussions, and people are telegraphing friends and relatives in the East to come and join them in the new Eldorado. The steamer from St. Michael's is expected to arrive to-day and is billed to sail July 20 on her return voyage. The office of the province was attacked and captured by Francisco Carrillo during his flight to the west, as the vanguard of Gen. Gomez's force. From letters received from there it is known that the insurgents sacked the town, and that a well known Spanish merchant, Don Domingo Medina, who tried to check them, was taken into custody by Carrillo. After the town was plundered with large sums of money was procured, the insurgents left it to continue their march to Matanzas province. Twenty-five Spanish guerrillas of the town of Luemado de Guines, in the same province, have been hanged by the Cuban leader, Anastasio Suenes.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 17.—At 3 o'clock this morning the steamship Portland from St. Michaels for Seattle passed up the sound with more than a ton of solid gold on board. The metal is worth nearly \$700,000 and the most of it was taken out of the ground in less than three months. Of the 68 miners aboard hardly a man has less than \$7,000 and several have more than \$100,000 in yellow nuggets. The stories they tell seem to be beyond belief. Instances are noted where single individuals have taken out in two and a half months gold to the value of over \$150,000. It is claimed that not less than \$4 worth of gold is scooped up with every shovel of dirt and that applies to every piece of ground into which the shovel is delivered. Salaries to miners are not less than \$12 a day and a man get his provisions and sustenance for \$3.

A Great Oil Fire.

LONDON July 17.—A dispatch from Baku, the seat of large petroleum industries in Asiatic Russia, says that a fire broke out there early yesterday morning, attacking the great naphtha springs known as the Tcherny Gorodok. It spread rapidly and destroyed five refineries and a large wharf. At five o'clock last evening the fire was still unsubsided. Several persons were burned to death and many were seriously injured. About 72,000,000 pounds of kerosene were consumed.

Suicide of an Embellisher.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 17.—The body of Wm. Neff, of Cincinnati, Col., who committed suicide on June 22 last, is lying in an undertaking establishment in this city awaiting a claimant for the remains. It is now certain that Neff committed suicide because he had reason to believe that detectives were scouring the country to arrest him on the charge of forgery and embezzlement.

Fire.

PETERSBURG, Va., July 17.—This morning, about 1:30 o'clock, the trunk factory in Blandford, owned and operated by Messrs. Romane & Barham, was totally destroyed by fire. Together with the entire contents. The origin of the fire is unknown. Several small buildings in the vicinity were slightly burned.

THE PLAGUE ON SHIPBOARD.—SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The British ship Maud, which sailed in port late Thursday night, has been ordered in quarantine. On the voyage from Calcutta one of her crew died and the quarantine officers are of the opinion that the sailor died from the dread bubonic plague.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Jeffreys-Ruhlin fight at San Francisco last night was declared a draw in the 20th round, though Jeffreys seemed to have the better of the contest.

A twenty-five ton traveling crane in the works of the Penn Steel Company, at Chester, Pa., broke to day and fell to the floor, instantly killing one man and probably fatally injuring two others.

A concerted movement, directed by the strongest financial interests in New York, is now taking shape to put authentic coal to consumers at reasonable figures throughout the year.